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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

REF: STATE 211862

1. PUBLIC REACTION TO THE INCIDENT AT PANMUNJOM HAS BEEN LIMITED. STRAIGHT PRESS COVERAGE HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE AND HAS PRESENTED US VERSION OF THE INCIDENT BUT ONLY ONE MAJOR NEWSPAPER, EL TIEMPO, EDITORIALIZED. SUPPORTING THE US REACTION TO THE INCIDENT, EL TIEMPO SAID, "AS YOU WOULD EXPECT, NORTH KOREA HAS COME OUT WITH THE USUAL MARXIST PROPAGANDA SAYING THAT PRESIDENT FORD IS LOOKING FOR AN EXCUSE TO START ANOTHER WAR; IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO EXPECT WASHINGTON TO REACT AS IT DID..."

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS PRIVATELY HAVE RAISED THE ISSUE WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS AND CONDEMNED THE NORTH KOREANS. THEY SYMPATHIZED WITH THE UN FORCES POSITION AND US REACTIONS. THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL COMMENT ON THE INCIDENT.

3. THE PANMUNJOM KILLINGS WILL PROBABLY HAVE LITTLE OR NO EFFECT ON COLOMBIA'S POSITION ON THE KOREAN ISSUE AT THE UN. SO FAR COLOMBIA HAS AGREED TO SUPPORT THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION BUT NOT CO-SPONSOR. ANY CHANGE IN THAT POSTURE WOULD MOST LIKELY BE BASED UPON CONSIDERATIONS OTHER THAN THE INCIDENT IN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE.

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